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SUBJECT: CALLAGHAN CONVERSATION WITH ECEVIT

1. WESTON OF FCO GAVE US SHORT BRIEFING ON CALLAGHAN-ECEVIT CONVERSATION ON MARCH 22. HE WILL GIVE US FURTHER BRIEF ON OVERALL ASPECTS OF VISIT TO UK ON APRIL 1.

2. CALLAGHAN AND ECEVIT MET FOR ONE HOUR ON MARCH 22. THE DISCUSSION WAS MOSTLY ON CYPRUS. ECEVIT WENT "ON AND ON" MAKING HIS POINT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL THE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON TURKEY IS RELAXED. ECEVIT SAID ALLIES COULD HELP SITUATION BY SUPPLYING ARMS TO TURKEY BUT HE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY ASK UK TO DO SO. CALLAGHAN RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR FRIENDS TO HELP TURKEY IF LATTER MADE SOME CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS ISSUES.

3. ECEVIT WAS TOTALLY FIRM THAT TURKEY WOULD NOT ACCEPT
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PARTICIPATION OF UNSYG IN NEGOTIATIONS ON CYPRUS. HE

WAS ALSO FIRMLY AGAINST NEW YORK AS SITE BECAUSE NEW YORK IS HEADQUARTERS OF UN AND BECAUSE OF ABILITY OF . U.S. GREEK COMMUNITY TO APPLY PRESSURE ON NEGOTIATORS IF THEY TAKE PLACE ANYWHERE IN U.S. HE LIKED VIENNA AS A POSSIBLE SITE AND MADE NO PRECONDITION THAT TALKS TAKE PLACE IN A CITY WHERE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE NOT REPRESENTED.

4. TURKEY IS READY TO ACCEPT THAT DENKTASH AND CLERIDES SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE CHIEF NEGOTIATORS BUT, HE NOTED, DENKTASH COULD NOT BE ABSENT FROM CYPRUS FOR LONG PERIODS. HE WAS CRITICAL OF THE FACT THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS DID NOT ACCEPT DENKTASH'S OFFER OF CONCESSIONS MADE JUST BEFORE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS BROKE DOWN.

5. ONLY IMPORTANT POINT OF SUBSTANCE WAS ECEVIT STATEMENT THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS MOVING THE LINE IN ADVANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS BUT, HE SAID, THE LINE IS NEGOTIABLE.

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